



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making: Amendments to Asbestos

Chapter 296-62 WAC, General Occupational Health Standards

Chapter 296-65 WAC, Asbestos Removal and Encapsulation

Chapter 296-307 WAC, Safety Standards for Agriculture, Part Y-6

Chapter 296-841 WAC, Respiratory Hazards

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 49.17.010; RCW 49.17.040; and RCW 49.17.050

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The department is proposing to rewrite and clarify requirements relating to asbestos. This rulemaking is part of our long term plan to rewrite our general occupational and health rules. This proposal will move all requirements relating to asbestos from chapter 296-62 WAC and chapter 296-65 WAC and place them into two new chapters. There will be no increases in requirements.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), is the only other agency known to regulate the safety and health of employees as it relates to asbestos exposure.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

☐ Negotiated rule making

☐ Pilot rule making

☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe)

Parties interested in the development of these proposed rules may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

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